

## SETTLERS IN DANGER.

Decision of the Courts Allow Their Lands to be Jumped.

## COMMISSIONS TO BE REDUCED.

The Western Traffic Association Makes Another Move.

## THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

President Hill Pushing the Work and Looking for Business—Will Make a Stir Soon.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 18.—A report reaches here of an alarming state of affairs in portions of Greer county. The people who are now settled there took their lands under the laws of Texas, and many hold from 600 to 1,200 acres, having it all fenced and largely improved. Since the recent ruling of the supreme court adverse to Texas, it has become almost a certainty that the court will finally decide in favor of the United States and the land will become part of the public domain. In this case, the people who are now there will be able to hold 160 acres each, and there will be many thousands of acres of improved land for other parties. A large number of stragglers from the recent Cheyenne and Arapahoe opening, have learned of this fact and have gone into Greer county to await the final decision of the court. While many are acting fairly, buying the surplus lands from the original settlers, others are preparing to jump the improved lands made by these settlers.

## Sluggish Sullivan.

NEW YORK, May 19.—One of the city physicians made a thorough examination of Sluggish John L. Sullivan, yesterday. After looking over the massive frame of the pugilistic champion with a good deal of care and thoroughness, the doctor said: "In all my life I have never seen such a magnificent specimen of muscular development, and indeed I do not think that another such a man is living. You are in perfect health, Mr. Sullivan; your heart, liver, stomach, lungs and other organs are all performing their work properly. You are physically sound, and with some of the superfluous flesh in the abdominal region removed, your power of endurance would be remarkable."

## The Masher Messiah.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Doctor (so-called) Teed, of the Koreskan community, has been made defendant in another \$100,000 damage suit. The complainant is Thomas Cole, manager of a local canning company; his grievance is alienation of his wife's affections. Mrs. Cole became an inmate of one of Teed's "heavens" some time ago.

## Water Works Association.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Yesterday forenoon the twelfth annual meeting of the American Water Works association began its session at the Metropolitan hotel. Over one hundred members were present, and several hundred more are expected. Papers on technical subjects were read, and a reception given by the New Yorkers.

## East St. Louis Flood.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 19.—A report has just reached here that the Ohio and Mississippi railroad line in East St. Louis, which protected the main portion of that city from the flood, has broken, and the water is pouring into the town in torrents, and people are fleeing for their lives.

## Fort Dodge Flood.

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 19.—The flood-gates of heaven opened again yesterday, and an immense amount of damage has been done. The Des Moines river rose eight feet and is now rising two inches an hour. The Little Sioux valley is under water. It is feared that the loss of life will be heavy.

## An English Earthquake.

LONDON, May 18.—A rather severe earthquake shock was felt early this morning in Cornwall. Houses rocked, crockery was broken and chimneys were overturned. The movement lasted several seconds.

## Pirates Captured.

PARIS, May 18.—It is reported that the French forces at Tonquin captured the pirate's stronghold, killing 125 pirates. The French lost five officers and fifty-three soldiers.

## Comet Discovered.

MASSILLON, O., May 19.—A bright comet has been discovered by Massillon observers. It is circular and has a rapid motion. It is in the constellation of Gemini.

## Penang and Sumatra Shaken.

George W. Childs and party arrived in San Francisco from the east yesterday.

The naval appropriation bill has finally been disposed of.

## TYGH HILL ROAD.

Judge Thornbury Pays the Locality an Official Visit.

County Judge Thornbury returned from a trip to the region of Tygh hill last evening. The new road over this greatest obstacle to the development of a rich and growing section of the county, is far advanced from what Judge Thornbury expected to find it, and so far as constructed, he says: "It is more road, for the money expended, than I have ever seen on the face of the earth." A team can walk along with a load without pulling the life out of the horses, and the descent is so gradual that Mr. Schanno drove a team and buggy down the grade yesterday, without once applying the brake. Just as the reporter left Judge Thornbury, after the conversation through which the above facts were elicited, the report of the Columbia bicycle club's efforts to beat a train into New York, from Chicago, with Gen. Miles' message, came to hand. The cyclists passed Cleveland, Ohio, at 6 a. m. yesterday, six and a half hours behind time, in consequence of bad roads, but had made up half an hour between Elyria and Cleveland. "The roads are execrable," says the dispatch. To Ashtabula from Madison, fifteen minutes time was lost, and it says, "the couriers were compelled to dismount and push the wheels much of the way." Whether in Ohio, riding a bicycle against time, or whether in Oregon plodding along with a loaded team, an "execrable road" which compels the man to "dismount and push the wheels," is not just such attraction as leads the soul heavenward. A teamster who has pulled over Tygh hill these many years, says the wear and tear, and losses incident to the work necessary to be done, if it could be collected in dollars and cents, would go a long way toward paying for all the county roads Wasco has, and although now in other business he feels like congratulating the people who are deservingly benefitted by the work at Tygh hill.

## Suicide of W. A. Allen.

An old gentleman, perhaps sixty years of age, who has been an invalid for a long time, while in a fit of despondency committed suicide last night, at his home between Five and Eight-mile creeks, near this city. He was attended by members of the family, and his son was watching with him last night, when the old man told him to go to sleep, and get some rest. The son did so, and slept quite a while. When he awakened the father was missing from his bed, and search was immediately instituted, resulting in finding the body outside of the house, with the throat cut. It was very apparent, from all the circumstances, that it was a case of suicide. An inquest will be held this evening by Coroner Mitchell. Mr. Allen was a widower, and a man of more than ordinary ability, who has undoubtedly seen better days than those of his last few years. He was from Denver to The Dalles, and has a son in Indiana, a daughter in Arlington, and a small family of children here.

## R. S. Thompson Found.

An item of news in THE CHRONICLE last night from San Francisco; concerning the disappearance of a very worthy gentleman, Mr. R. S. Thompson; caused considerable solicitude. Mr. T. was for a long time a resident of this county, and his hospitable Jersey ranch is remembered by many of the old-time residents, besides he has relatives here who felt quite uneasy when the report appeared. As Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were expected here today on the noon train, enroute to Colfax, the news was sharp and startling. The welcome report came this morning that Mr. Thompson had been found in San Francisco, at an early hour yesterday morning, but we are without further particulars, than that he had been absent from his hotel since Wednesday, and when found was walking about the streets.

After quoting a portion of the following item from THE CHRONICLE, May 12th,—"Avery's Ox," as Bush used to call Slater, actually thinks he is running for congress in this district. What a delusion!"—the Portland Dispatch says: "Is not our friend getting a little mixed in history? Senator Slater never had any connection with Avery's Ox. To Long Primer Hall belongs the above, and not Senator Slater. THE CHRONICLE man is about as familiar with the subject as he is with the tariff or other important questions." THE CHRONICLE man is precisely correct. Long Primer Hall left the Occidental Messenger before Senator Slater's connection with the paper, and as Bush had his controversy with J. C. Avery, the owner, and Slater dipped in his oar, Bush "fixed" him so well that it was not difficult to recognize him, for years afterward, as the "colored man, educated at Oberlin," Avery's Ox. Why, Tony, you was the devil in the office, and you know that our history is all right.

Gen. Alger has been again earnestly recommended by the republicans of Michigan and the belief is expressed by them that his nomination at Minneapolis, "if made, will lead to a glorious victory." Which is very flattering to Gen. Alger, but it really doesn't count. This is not his year and there is not a remote probability that the indorsement that his home folk have given him will have the effect of resuscitating his boom. That interesting political bantling expired some time ago and it ought in decency to be laid away.

## THE WORST IS PAST.

Waters of the Mississippi Slowly Receding at St. Louis.

## THE SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS.

Ten Million Bushels of Wheat Lost as no Crop can be Raised.

## ONE HUNDRED MILLS AFFECTED.

Impossible to Adequately Estimate the Damages—Valuable Lands Worthless.

St. Louis, May 23.—The waters of the Mississippi began receding slowly Saturday afternoon, and the worst is passed, but pen is incapable of picturing the distressing scenes. Ten thousand people are homeless in the stretch of country between this city and Cairo, and 500,000 acres of growing grain, has been destroyed utterly. The great American bottom, comprising most of the Atchison and St. Clair counties, one of the greatest potato fields of the Mississippi valley, is entirely inundated, and will not yield a single potato. The cabbage crop is also ruined. Tributary to St. Louis, the seriousness of the situation may be faintly realized when it is stated that of all the land under water at least 500,000 acres was in wheat, and considering the fact that no crop can be raised this year, this means that not less than 10,000,000 bushels of wheat is lost. In addition to this, homes have been wrecked, cattle have been drowned and lakes and ponds formed where the lands were dry for years. This renders what was formerly valuable land worthless. Over one hundred flour mills are affected more or less in the flooded districts; farm laborers are out of work for the season, as well as millmen, and so the tale of woe increases. At Cairo the river is twenty miles wide, and has eaten away homes, drowned stock and submerged farms. Reports from sections adjacent to East St. Louis are more favorable. The railways have not yet begun using their recently abandoned tracks. In North St. Louis the backwater caused many sewers to burst and the health of the residents of that section is in danger unless there is speedy relief. The newspapers and the board of trade are soliciting subscriptions for the flood sufferers. While attempting to pass through the flooded district at Kansas city Saturday the Missouri Pacific accommodation was stalled in the midst of the flood. A train of flat-cars long enough to reach from dry ground to the stalled train, was made up, and it backed up to the accommodation, which hitched on to it and pulled it out. The Arkansas passed the great rise of 1884 by twelve inches. Thirty persons were drowned at Redfield by caving banks. The country adjacent to Plumb and Wattersick bayous, the finest quality of bottom lands, is all under water. To add to the flood's damage, a cyclone passed south of Texarkana, Saturday, causing devastation and desolation. Houses and fences were leveled for miles. The wind was accompanied by excessively heavy thunder and great quantities of sand, though there is no dry sand within 100 miles of the city. The Des Moines river began rising again Saturday, but is now at a stand, but reached a foot above the highest point at any stage the present season. Relief is asked for the flood sufferers of Iowa and Arkansas. In the latter state, over a district comprising forty miles, the crops of 15,000 people are ruined, and the water will remain high so long that replanting of corn is not to be thought of.

Until further notice the Regulator will make trips to the Cascades and return on Thursdays and Sundays, leaving The Dalles at 7 a. m. Excursion rates. 50 cents for the round trip. 5-23tf

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